

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A wiper of a nonwoven fabric consisting of ~~continuous filaments~~ filament fibers of cupra-ammonium rayon, with no binding materials, which ~~filaments~~ filament fibers are entangled with each other with a high-pressure water jet stream, wherein a buffer plate having an opening degree in a range of from 10 to 47% is placed on a web of the nonwoven fabric supported by a net and the water jet stream is applied to the nonwoven fabric web from above the buffer plate, and wherein the nonwoven fabric has an amount of micro-matter of 100  $\mu\text{m}$  long or more falling-off therefrom of 20,000 pieces/ $\text{m}^2$  or less as measured by a method using a super sonic wave, an amount of material dissolved therefrom into acetone is 340 mg/kg or less, the water absorption is 8 ml/g or more and the wiper is used ~~for~~ on applications which are clean.

2. (Previously presented) The wiper of claim 1, wherein the amount of micro-matter of 100  $\mu\text{m}$  long or more falling-off therefrom is 14,000 pieces/ $\text{m}^2$  or less, the amount of material dissolved therefrom into acetone is 190 mg/kg or less, and the water absorption is 9 ml/g or more.

3-5. (Cancelled).